

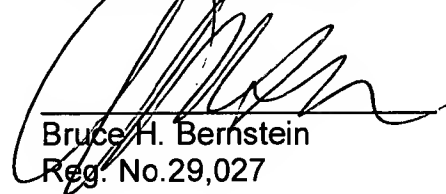
**Remarks**

By the foregoing amendment the filing date of the priority application of the present application is corrected. The filing date of the priority application is already indicated in the Declaration which was copied from parent Application No. 09/810,483 and appears correctly on the Official Filing Receipt.

Since the present amendment embodies merely the correction of a formal matter in the specification and the amendment is being filed before the payment of the issue fee, entry of the amendment without withdrawing the application from issue is proper and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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